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In addition, JP 6-90651 provides a gap between its blades 4. Thus, claim 9 can further be distinguished from this reference in the fact that the kneading elements must contact one other kneading element in the kneading block. In this reference, the blades do not. Consequently, reconsideration of this rejection is earnestly solicited.

Finally, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-5, 9, 11-13, and 15-19 as being anticipated by Japanese Published Application No. 4 104827 (hereinafter JP 4-104827). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as well.

Again, this reference pertains to an agitator, not a screw extruder and, therefore, does not use a kneading element of the type claimed.

This notwithstanding, the Applicant notes firstly that this reference does not provide a lateral sidewall of one of the lobes of the element as being concave between the outer periphery ridge and the central portion. Instead, the reference shows a convex arc near the top of its lobes before the outer periphery ridge.

Secondly, the Applicant notes that the reference discloses an outer periphery that is much longer than the portion attaching the lobe to the central portion. This is also in contrast to the present invention and as now claimed.

Thirdly, the reference also shows a gap between its agitating bodies. Thus, claim 9 can further be distinguished from this reference in the fact that the kneading elements must contact a portion of one other kneading element in the kneading block. Consequently, reconsideration of this rejection is earnestly solicited.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reviewed again with consideration of the amendments and arguments presented. The Applicant believes that claims 1-21 and 28 are in condition for allowance and earnestly requests notice of the same. It is acknowledged that Claims 22-27 remain withdrawn from the application at present. Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

One new claim has been presented and one dependent claim has been

converted to an independent claim. Accordingly, an additional claims fee is provided herewith. Should the fee be inadequate or overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 18-0987 for any underpayment or overpayment of the fees due.

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AMENDMENT B

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2006, the Applicant, through his attorney, responds as follows:

Amendments to the claims being on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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